GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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NTC
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operations of National Textile Corporation are being gradually curtailed;

(b) if not, the steps being taken to boost its production and sales;

(c) the details of the employees welfare schemes in operation including premature retirement schemes; and

(d) the details of guidelines issued to Government procurement agencies for exclusive procurement from NTC?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Out of 52 viable mills under National Textile Corporation (NTC), 40 mills are in operation at present. Majority of workers of remaining 12 mills have opted for Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS). In order to boost production and sales, some of the viable mills are proposed to be modernised by NTC itself and others with private partnership.

(c) All welfare schemes as admissible under various statutory provisions of Factories Act, Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Act, Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Act, Gratuity Act etc. are being extended to the workers / employees. Further, non-statutory welfare schemes such as housing accommodation, labour welfare fund and scholarship etc. are also provided by different mills under the NTC Group of Companies. Besides this, Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS) has also been implemented in NTC w.e.f. 1st Jan., 2002.

(d) The Government has not issued any guidelines to Government procurement agencies for exclusive procurement from NTC Ltd.